

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation, motivated by its mission, focused on the student.

IB offers four programmes for students aged 3 to 19 years to help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills - to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world.



- **The IB Primary Years Programme**, for students aged 3 to 12 years, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.
- **The IB Middle Years Programme**, for students aged 11 to 16 years, **provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and become critical and reflective thinkers.**
- **The IB Diploma Programme**, for students aged 16 to 19 years, is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and beyond.
- **The IB Career-related Certificate**, for students aged 16 to 19 years, is the newest offering from the IB. The IBCC incorporates the vision and educational principles of the IB Programmes into a unique offering specifically designed for students who wish to engage in career-related learning.

The IB Diploma Programme:

Group 1: Studies in Language and literature

Group 2: Language acquisition

Group 3: Individuals and societies

Group 4: Sciences

Group 5: Mathematics

Group 6: The arts

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Group 3, Subjects:

- Grade 11: Geography: SL (CGW4US) HL (CGW4UH)
- Grade 12: Geography: SL (CGU4US) HL (CGU4UH)

Canadian and World Issues: A Geographic Analysis CGW4U

This course examines the global challenges of creating a sustainable and equitable future, focusing on current issues that illustrate these challenges. **Students will investigate a range of topics, including cultural, economic, and geopolitical relationships, regional disparities in the ability to meet basic human needs, and protection of the natural environment.** Students will use geotechnologies and skills of geographic inquiry and analysis to develop and

communicate balanced opinions about the complex issues facing Canada and a world that is interdependent and constantly changing.

World Geography: Human Patterns and Interactions CGU4U

This course examines how humans interact with their natural environments and with each other. Students will study the influence of spatial, political, economic and social factors on settlement patterns, human migration, cultural change, globalization and environmental trends. Students will use geotechnologies and skills of geographic inquiry and analysis to extend their knowledge of human geography and to identify and explain current trends and patterns, and predict future ones.

- Grade 11: History: SL (CHY4US) HL (CHY4UH)
- Grade 12: History: SL (CPW4US) HL (CPW4UH)

World History: The West and the World CHY4US/H

This course investigates the major trends in Western civilization and world history from the 16th century to the present. **Students will learn about the interaction between the emerging West and other regions of the world, and about the development of modern social, political and economic systems.** They will use critical thinking and communication skills to investigate the historical roots of contemporary issues and present their conclusions.

Canadian and World Politics CPW4US/CPW4UH

This course examines Canadian and world politics from a variety of perspectives. **Students will investigate the ways in which individuals, groups and states work to influence domestic and world events, the role of political ideologies in national and international politics, and the dynamics of international cooperation and conflict resolution.** Students will apply critical thinking and communication skills to develop and support informed opinions about current political conflicts, events and issues.

- Environmental systems and societies: SL (SVN3MS)
- Economics: SL (CIE3MS) HL (CIE3MH)
- Economics: SL (CIA4US) HL (CIE4UH)